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The Flood Control District is seeking to increase property taxes on 2.2 million parcels in the county to pay for an undefined list of projects to treat stormwater runoff. Even though the District does not have a specific list of projects or cost for completing the projects, it is recommending increasing property taxes to pay for them. A more responsible approach would be to first identify projects, costs and existing revenue before passing the buck to property tax payers.

The status and amount of redevelopment funds to the county as a result of redevelopment dissolution is ever changing and uncertain. So far, \$742.1 million in one-time revenue has been distributed to all taxing entities since the dissolution of redevelopment. A portion of those funds will eventually become ongoing revenue. Moreover, once all redevelopment agency debt is paid off, the county will receive approximately \$450 million annually in additional revenue from what was once redevelopment tax increment.

Per the Auditor-Controller, the county will receive over \$156 million in revenue in the current fiscal year. The Flood Control District will also receive nearly \$6 million in the current fiscal year. Combined, the County and the Flood Control District will receive approximately \$162 million in one-time revenues this fiscal year that could be used for stormwater cleanup projects without having to increase property taxes.

In addition, the loss of redevelopment funds has put a strain on city budgets. The cost of implementation of the standards as dictated by the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit adds to that strain. Returning redevelopment funds to the cities in the form of stormwater project funding could assist in providing some funding stability.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer and the Flood Control District report back on:

1. The feasibility of using a portion of the approximately \$162 million in redevelopment revenue collected by the county and the Flood Control District on stormwater projects instead of increasing property taxes;
2. Other sources of revenue that can be used for stormwater projects that do not involve raising property taxes, including fund balances in flood control designations, one-time and ongoing revenues from former redevelopment agencies.

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